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SPEECH

**delivered by Walid Masri, President of WFDY,
at the opening session of the EC**

*Comrades,
Friends,*

It is already over a year since the 12th Assembly of member organizations of our Federation ended its work. Today we have gathered here for the first meeting of the Executive Committee to be held in Pyongyang, capital of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the city that is to host the 13th World Festival of Youth and Students.

The fact that we are meeting here today is an expression of our high opinion of the work undertaken by this country, by its people and youth, as well as of our active solidarity with a people who are working to build an advanced society and who are struggling to recover the national unity of their country.

I would like to take this opportunity to greet our Korean friends, as well as to thank the leadership of the Korean Workers' Party, the authorities of the DPRK, and the Socialist Working Youth League of Korea for all the efforts they have made to enable our meeting to be held here, and for the excellent working conditions they have provided for us.

We extend our most sincere thanks to you, Korean comrades and friends.

Comrades and Friends,

Our meeting is being held at a time when the eyes of the whole world are turned to Washington where the Soviet-US summit is being held. This is a great moment for all the peace-loving forces in the world. It is a moment when what was only a dream not so long ago can now at last become a reality. Preparations are being made to reach an agreement on the elimination of a whole category of nuclear weapons, American and Soviet medium-range

missiles. It is a moment of historic importance that awakens new hope for the future of mankind. It is a proof that we can succeed in reducing the danger on earth and work for peace and disarmament, for a more secure and peaceful world. It is a proof that the struggle of the peoples brings results.

It is thanks to the struggle waged day by day, in which the young people have been in the vanguard, that we can now look to the future of mankind in a different light, a brighter and more peaceful future. It is thanks to all those who went out onto the streets in many countries to express their refusal to live with the threat of a nuclear holocaust. It is thanks to the consistent policy of peace of the Soviet Union and the other socialist countries, the non-aligned countries and all those who cherish the ideals of peace and freedom, that we are now approaching the conclusion of this agreement that opens new perspectives for full disarmament on our planet.

Nevertheless, we must keep our feet on the ground. Although the conclusion of this agreement is of historic importance, it does not yet free our world of all threat of nuclear annihilation. What we are witnessing today **is and must be a first step** towards a world without nuclear weapons, a first step towards the full and complete disarmament of the whole world. The vast stockpiles of arms accumulated remain a threat hanging over our heads, while injustice is still rife and also represents a great threat to us all.

We must not give up the struggle, rather, all those who have at heart peace and happiness, all those who are determined to build a world of peace, a more humane world, must redouble their efforts.

For, Comrades and Friends, while a hope of detente has now arisen on the horizon, people are still dying in many parts of the world. Regional conflicts drag on. The senseless conflict between Iran and Iraq continues to take its toll of victims day after day and, through its internationalization and the build-up of US and NATO naval forces, threatens to engulf the whole region with all the consequences that this could have for world peace.

The idea of an international conference on peace in the Middle East with the participation of the PLO is still bogged down and faces the categorical refusal of Israel to grant the Palestinian people its rights. This refusal is being met with the heroic resistance of the youth of the West Bank and the Lebanese patriotic fighters.

In Central America progress is being made towards the application of a peace plan by the countries of the region, despite the efforts made by the US administration to undermine it and despite the aid it gives in many forms to the mercenary gangs in its pay. The people and youth of Sandino continue to defend their revolution, as well as the people of Salvador and of the other

countries in the region. They deserve all our solidarity in their struggle for peace and freedom.

The situation in Southern Africa continues to deteriorate as a result of the racist policy of the Pretoria regime in South Africa, its continued refusal to grant independence to Namibia and its active support to the mercenary gangs in Angola and Mozambique. Nelson Mandela is still in prison. The sanctions of some countries against the apartheid regime remain ineffective or are evaded. We have witnessed a great intensification of international solidarity which has borne fruit this year. This gives us hope and encourages us to continue our efforts to strengthen the pressure of all peoples in order to bring an end to the regime of shame.

Comrades,

It is often thought that peace is the absence of war — life has shown us that it is much more than that.

The struggle for peace also has other important aspects. It is a struggle for social justice. It is a struggle for a more humane world.

This is why peace must be considered as inseparable from the tragedies that continue to afflict mankind today.

The problems of development, hunger, malnutrition, poverty, illiteracy and social injustices also threaten peace and are the causes of wars and all kinds of conflicts.

The arms race has become one of the most dangerous realities of our age. It not only endangers life on earth, but also has a far-reaching and negative influence on the economic and social interests of the peoples.

Consequently, the struggle for peace and disarmament also leads to the struggle for social and economic rights, the struggle for the rights of young people of both sexes.

While unemployment, economic recession, the foreign debt, war and the threat of war are the principal causes of the precariousness of society in our times, the question of the economic consequences of military spending in the light of arms reduction cannot be a secondary one.

Military projects consume vast human, material, scientific and other resources. This means that the fate of social renewal in all countries, especially the developing countries, is inseparable from disarmament and the improvement of the international climate.

DISARM TO DEVELOP is a slogan that we must embrace now. It is becoming increasingly valid for the peoples and countries of the world.

Comrades,

The 12th Assembly of member organizations of WFDY, held just over a year ago, formulated the general political orientations

which our Federation should follow in the years to come. They are still valid. We have already begun the renewal of our Federation to bring it more fully into line with changes in the world, in the full awareness that this renewal cannot be carried out overnight but rather through a complex process taking into consideration the realities of the world as well as the realities existing within our Federation.

We have understood the need to react and act in a more appropriate and more realistic way, but also in a way that is more youthful.

This meeting today gives us an opportunity to draw up a first global balance. This is what the Bureau has done in presenting the report to the Executive Committee. My task now is not to introduce this report, but rather to stress a few ideas that led us to draw up a report which, as you will have already seen, is rather different in nature from our earlier reports. We have intended it to be both critical and self-critical, with the clear aim of making our common work more effective.

A first conclusion is that the shortcomings that we found in the work of the Federation still exist; the efforts made by the Bureau to correct them are still rather modest. The way in which we prepare initiatives is still not sufficiently profound and is rather mechanical, superficial and hasty.

A second conclusion is the still unrealistic number of initiatives decided on by executive bodies which constitute a mechanical accumulation of diverse interests. We still tend to favour quantity over quality.

A third conclusion is that the Bureau cannot correct the situation and effectively launch the renewal of the Federation without the understanding and active contribution of the member organizations. This leads us to accept and apply collectively the decisions adopted jointly.

A fourth conclusion is that it is essential, if we are to make progress, for each of us to be able to give of himself, in the interest of all. I am aware that this is not an easy thing, but it is **indispensable**. It is becoming increasingly necessary to correct the relationship and approach to the common work that we undertake within the Federation. This must lead us to a very clear view of the link between the general and the particular, between the legitimate interest of each and the interest of all, that will enable us to advance together in the services of our common goals.

A fifth conclusion, and the last one I wish to make, is that there appears to be a slow but steady trend towards the reduction of our financial means that is paradoxical when considered together with the growing number of activities of our Federation. It is clear that we must make every effort to raise the means available to our Federation to the level of the tasks that it has to carry

out. The solution can only come from us in general and from each of our member organizations in particular.

Comrades,

These various factors have led the Bureau to give a clear character to this meeting of the Executive Committee. **It must be fundamentally a working meeting.**

We would like the work of the commissions at this meeting to be as concrete as possible and the discussions to be largely concentrated on the elaboration of concrete proposals for initiatives with precise and clear objectives. It is of vital importance that we adopt a plan of action for next year that is both realistic and well-balanced.

We will also have the opportunity at this session to decide on the strengthening of the ranks of our Federation. The Bureau will submit a proposal on accepting new affiliations. Our choice is to broaden the spectrum of member organizations of our Federation.

It is our wish and we must work so that organizations of differing character and holding differing political and philosophical views, but which agree with the principles of the WFDY, are able to enter the ranks of the Federation. The member organizations should devote growing attention to this important task.

Comrades,

One of our important tasks has been and still is to create better conditions for working, in different forms and at different levels, more actively and in a regular manner with the most diverse trends in the international youth movement.

The imperatives of our age lead us to recognize the need to be open to all the forces engaged in the universal struggle for peace and disarmament, for independence and progress, and which share with us the vision of a better world.

It is quite clear today that the only path to follow is that of the widest cooperation with all forces at international, regional and national level that are prepared to work together with us for a more radiant future.

We have always been convinced that the world festival movement can serve this task through better understanding among us, the youth.

The coming 13th World Festival of Youth and Students to be held here, in Pyongyang, in the summer of 1989 will be no exception.

It is this conviction that led us to support this initiative of the Socialist Working Youth League of Korea and to adopt a position on it at our 12th Assembly. We are aware that there are some reservations among some of the organizations that were present at the 12th Festival. We hope that these reservations will disappear

and that this coming festival will be a vast workshop of discussion among the youth of the world. We will work to make it representative, democratic, pluralist and a reflection of the major concerns of our generation, to make it a forum for the free exchange of our experiences and thoughts, expressing the things on which we agree and those on which we disagree, and so that new forces can join us in this great festival of youth.

We have many guests with us here today at this meeting of our Executive Committee. We welcome them all and hope that they will understand us better after hearing our debates and discussions and that they will also get to know the hosts of the coming festival.

Comrades,

Our meeting is beginning and we have a great deal of work ahead of us to make our Federation more democratic, more effective and more representative, so that it can more adequately meet the demands of our age.

As you can see, this path of renewal is a long, hard and stony path and one that at times appears to be contradictory. But it is the only one that can make our Federation the voice of the concerns of youth and that can enable it to contribute more effectively to the unity of action of the young generation.

Patience, perseverance and better understanding among us are essential in this work. I hope that we will be equal to the responsibilities facing us so that our Federation can meet the wishes, aspirations and ideals of its founders.

I would like to wish you all much success in this important work.

Thank you for your attention.

SPEECH

**given by Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the
Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea,
President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea,
in honour of the delegates to a meeting of the
Executive Committee of the World Federation
of Democratic Youth**

*Dear delegates,
Comrades and friends,*

Taking pleasure in having this important gathering with you who are working for the development of the youth movement, I would like to offer a warm welcome to the Members of the Executive Committee of the World Federation of Democratic Youth, the delegates of the youth and student organizations from various countries and the delegates of international organizations, who are on a visit to our country to attend the Executive Committee meeting of the WFDY.

It is of great significance that the present Executive Committee meeting, with the participation of the delegates of youth organizations from many countries, discusses the tasks of their joint struggle and their action programme. I am convinced that the meeting will contribute to strengthening international unity and solidarity among the young people and to giving impetus to the development of the youth movement throughout the world in their struggle against imperialism and colonialism and for peace, independence and justice.

Today mankind finds itself at the turn of history, at the close of the 20th century which has been full of dramatic events in the struggle for independence and sovereignty, for social progress and peace, looking forward to the advent of the 21st century which will be full of hope. The present situation is characterized by the fact that the newly-emerging forces that represent the new age of Chajusong are growing and strengthening with every passing day, whereas the imperialist forces that stand for the old age are making desperate efforts to maintain their crumbling old position.

Imperialism which has brought untold miseries and sufferings to humanity is continuing to dominate and plunder the develop-

ing countries by the cunning method of neocolonialism. Clinging to the policy of aggression and war and brandishing nuclear weapons, it is jeopardizing peace and increasing international tension everywhere.

The nature of imperialism has never changed; aggression and plunder are as ever the mode of the existence of imperialism. The imperialists are pursuing the policy of neocolonialism and nuclear threat in an attempt to find a way out, but this will only precipitate their ruin.

In view of the imperialists' persistence in the course of action that ignores and runs counter to the demand of the present time and the unanimous desire of the people, it is only natural for the progressive people throughout the world to fight against imperialism.

Without combatting imperialism, it would be impossible for the people of the world to establish new fair international relations, achieve their national independence and prosperity or safeguard world peace and security.

Today the world's people are faced with a common historic task of frustrating the imperialists' aggression and plunder and building an independent and peaceful new world. You, the young people, in particular, must take the lead in this struggle.

The young people are the new generation that represents the future of mankind. They are justice-loving and courageous, and know no hesitation and fear. They can never allow the people to be deprived of their rights to independence and become enslaved by the imperialist plunderers, nor can they tolerate mankind to fall a victim to a criminal nuclear war.

The young people must not just wish to enjoy happiness; they must be a standard-bearer in the sacred struggle to win it. Only those who have this enterprising spirit can be the young people of the new age and as such are entitled to enjoy a genuine glory and a worthwhile life.

The young people must combat neocolonialist domination and plunder by the imperialists, and fight to achieve their complete national independence and sovereignty, destroy the present unfair international economic system, and establish a new fair one.

To the young people who have beautiful ideals and high ambitions, peace is more precious than anything else. History shows that young people suffer most bitterly from a war. They must rise up as one man in the struggle against the imperialist moves to provoke a new war and in defence of peace. They must wage a stubborn struggle to check the nuclear arms race intensified by the imperialists, realize complete disarmament and establish nuclear-free, peace zones.

The young people must give active support and encouragement to the peoples of all countries in their struggle to oppose colonial-

ism and racism, to achieve national liberation and independence, to prevent aggression and war and safeguard peace.

In order to emerge victorious in the struggle against imperialism they must strengthen international solidarity and cooperation.

Solidarity and cooperation are the sources of strength and the guarantee for victory. Today the imperialist forces are allied on an international basis. It is only when the progressive young people the world over fight in solid unity that they can deal a blow at the international imperialist forces and attain the aim of the anti-imperialist struggle. The progressive young people in all countries must firmly unite and closely cooperate with each other, regardless of their ideas, systems, religions and political views.

The Korean people and youth have achieved their national independence through their long-drawn-out, arduous struggle against imperialism, and built an independent and prosperous socialist state on this land as we see today. However, the US imperialists occupied South Korea in place of the Japanese imperialists and, as a result, our country remains divided for more than 40 years and there is a constant tension on the Korean peninsula. They have converted South Korea into an advanced nuclear base for invading our Republic and other progressive countries of Asia and the rest of the world. This not only threatens the existence of our nation, but also constitutes a grave challenge to universal peace.

Today defending peace on the Korean peninsula is not only vital to the Korean people but also very important to all the peace-loving people in Asia and other parts of the world. The progressive young people the world over must naturally pay attention to the grave situation prevailing on the Korean peninsula and strengthen the solidarity movement to ease the tension and maintain peace on this peninsula.

The support and encouragement from the international friends is a great strength for the people and youth of the northern half of the Republic who are building socialism; it is also a powerful inspiration to the south Korean youth and students and other people who are courageously fighting under the banner of anti-US independence and anti-fascist democracy.

The young people of Korea will, in the future too, exert every effort to strengthen the international friendship and solidarity among the youth and remain faithful to the lofty idea and the great cause of the world youth movement.

Pyeongyang, the capital of our country, will host the 13th World Youth and Student Festival in 1989.

Our young and other people are attaching great importance to this festival which will demonstrate the united strength of the world youth, and are making every effort to ensure that its functions will be excellent.

We hope that the World Federation of Democratic Youth and all the other international and national youth and student organizations will closely cooperate to make the 13th World Youth and Student Festival a successful, grandiose festival of friendship and solidarity for the youth and students in the five continents.

I believe that, thanks to your joint efforts, this meeting of the Executive Committee of the World Federation of Democratic Youth will proceed successfully and produce fine results, and I would like to propose a toast:

to the strengthening and development of the world youth movement,

to friendship and solidarity between the progressive young people throughout the world,

to world peace,

to the health of all the delegates to this meeting from youth and student organizations in various countries and from international organizations, and

to the health of all comrades and friends present here.

SPEECH

**delivered by Vilmos Cserveny, General Secretary
of WFDY, at the plenary session of the EC**

Comrades, Friends,

I have carefully followed the words of the President of our Federation, who said that it is not his task to introduce the documents to the EC. At the same time he pointed out some basic considerations and conclusions which makes it easy for me to discharge the task given to me by the Bureau: to briefly introduce these documents.

When the Bureau reviewed the respective resolutions of the 12th Assembly, it found itself in a very difficult situation. We realized that we have undertaken a commitment at this Assembly jointly — EC, Bureau, member organizations — which requires us to work in an active way at least for four years, if we want to fulfil the major tasks set by the Assembly. Now we have to state that we have barely managed to achieve twenty-five per cent of that work.

Comrades of the Bureau, different participants of our EC, or the different reactions we have received in advance to the two documents sent out a few weeks ago to the member organizations have all noted with a certain satisfaction: the General Report gives a realistic, critical and self-critical description of what our Federation's Bureau has done since the Assembly and how WFDY has been working in general. In a way I would even say these opinions seemingly contradict the formula of Clausewitz, who said that «it's unbelievable, what a marvelous and beneficial effect even the smallest success and victory can have on the human being». Undoubtedly, we can also consider as a sort of joint success, that we are able to see and formulate together even our failures, mistakes and shortcomings or the very fact that the Bureau has forwarded the necessary information and documents of this session to the EC members in advance. Nevertheless, I'm convinced that this is not a success, it is only a normal and necessary precondition for a sober and realistic analysis of our work to be

done in the coming days in order to define how to advance further. Naturally, when drafting the documents the Bureau was aiming at painting an objective picture of the work done. We knew that to do this it's not enough purely to state the diagnosis; we also have to prescribe the treatment and the medicines. Our aim has been to seek solutions for our still existing problems while we have pointed also to real positive steps we have undertaken, real successes we have scored in 1987. We were aiming to formulate a balanced report bearing in mind that continuous failures have disheartening effects and continuous over-enthusiastic propaganda creates false illusions, leading us to consider even our defeats as a victory, while it is perfectly obvious to everyone that our Federation still has to undertake and change a lot in order to apply the main motto of our last Assembly which was «Continuity and renewal»!

It is in this context that we have prepared the Report to the EC. We were not aiming at forwarding to you a technical document, a mere balance of our activities, pointing out in precise detail how many activities WFDY organized or was involved in, how many national, regional or international initiatives it has given its support to, or how many solidarity campaigns we have organized throughout 1987. Instead of doing this, we attempted to qualify rather than to quantify our work. Consequently, none of the member organizations should ask today why this or that event has not been mentioned in this report. We have mentioned activities not for the sake of mentioning them, but rather to express a political evaluation in connection with them or on them. In this context you have realized that we have pointed to the future as well, by drawing the lessons and conclusions of this year's WFDY work. What we would like to develop at this EC meeting is an action-oriented, concrete, sincere and consistent debate by the member organizations. Action-oriented, because we feel that many member organizations view as insufficient the mere nothing of our state of affairs or the simple formulation of a programme. What is needed above all is our joint work in different fields, which naturally will be composed not only of a series of different events but will also involve our joint thinking and our intellectual and physical efforts to formulate and further develop our policy in different fields, e.g. on a number of questions related to global problems of our world. Without this, without our firm intention and joint commitment to WFDY's future, we shall not be able to advance.

With these thoughts in mind, we have also drafted and sent to you the draft of a programme of Action for 1988. As we have indicated, in its present form this is not a finished document. We feel that many ideas which occurred since its drafting should and will find their place in our joint plan.

However, I'd like to underline that nobody should look in its

text for traditional formulations as to what WFDY will support, or which struggles WFDY will be in solidarity with in 1988. We believe it's not necessary to repeat basic political considerations of our Federation in this document, since they are formulated in the Assembly resolutions and are as valid today as they were in November of 1986. What is more important in our view is that the projects which will finally form a part of this program should enjoy a broad support of our member organizations, and at the least of those organizations which are directly concerned with them. For it will only be possible to carry them out successfully if there is a substantial political dedication and material support from our member organizations while organizing them in 1988. The practice of organizing joint events practically without/or with only a very limited financial contribution of WFDY member organizations will no longer be tenable in 1988. It is in this context that we propose to draw up an annex to this Plan of Action listing all national activities which deserve the attention of the member organizations and support for which can be considered by the Bureau of the Federation too. The draft of the 1988 plan also provides for the Bureau to deal in depth with a number of topical issues in special meetings in order to shape and develop further the standpoints of our Federation on different issues.

Bearing in mind all these elements, the Bureau looks forward to a rich and responsible debate on the programme of action, during which the member organizations of the EC are requested to have in mind our material limitations as well, in the spirit of the old proverb: «Cut your coat according to your cloth».

Comrades,

As you can see from all the preparations for our EC and its documents, particular attention is being paid to the questions of the preparations for the 13th WFYS. We believe that the venue of our EC meeting will on the one hand provide an excellent opportunity for all the participants to acquaint themselves with the life and aspirations of the Korean people and youth, and on the other hand give us all an opportunity to exchange once again our news and views about the present requirements of the preparations of this outstanding event. It is in this context that we propose to you to hold in the frame of our EC meeting a one-day programme dedicated to the youth of the host country of the Festival, including visits, discussions, the collection of impressions as well as expressing our political stand on the Korean question in the form of an international solidarity meeting organized by our Federation. We are confident that we shall all return from this country in a few days in the firmest conviction that our Assembly last year took a correct political decision by formulating its support to the holding of the 13th WFYS in Pyongyang, in the summer of 1989.

Comrades,

Two additional documents have been submitted to you here in Pyongyang informing you about the work, activity and plans for 1988 by our autonomous specialized organizations: CIMEA, BITEJ and SIVSAJ. For your better understanding I would like to note that while these documents also form a part of our discussion, we forwarded them as an addendum to the General Report. The simple reason for this is that the respective constitutional meetings of these organizations took place earlier this year, where, for example, their programmes of action have already been approved for 1988. Nevertheless we believe that the joint consideration of these documents will be of substantial help to us in formulating the WFDY program of action for 1988, too.

Comrades,

The question that now arises is: how, in what manner should we discuss these documents? Well certainly not through the familiar speech-reading routine! What we aim at is a lively, open and sincere, free and responsible debate in 5 regional commissions and later in 6 thematical commissions. Some comrades have asked: do we have enough time for this? We have no other option. For we do not intend to give each other political «lessons» about the situation in this or that country; rather we should concentrate our work on the joint cause, on the discussions and agreements as to our Federation's work in 1988. Our Bureau believes: what can be said in 15 minutes, can also be said in 5 minutes, in fact it could even be put more simply and more sincerely. We, the members of the Bureau, are dedicated to act as a political decision-making body responsible for WFDY's activities and work between the Assemblies. We therefore suggest that we all exercise self restraint while speaking in order to speak and let speak; or even better, to listen to others as well.

This last sentence reminds me that that wise guidance applies first of all to the General Secretary of WFDY. So I shall stop immediately for our common benefit and wish all of us fruitful, sincere, constructive, open and above all comradely debates and dialogue resulting in an even more dynamic and efficient World Federation of Democratic Youth in 1988.

GENERAL REPORT OF THE BUREAU to the Executive Committee on the work done since the 12th Assembly of WFDY

INTRODUCTION

1. This report has been inspired by the resolution adopted close to a year ago by all the member organizations of WFDY at the Federation's 12th Assembly in Budapest. This highest decision-making forum of the member organizations of WFDY evaluated the international situation, made a comprehensive analysis of the work done between 1982 and 1986, and traced the path that the Federation must follow up to the next Assembly if it is to be equal to the main motto of the 12th Assembly: «WFDY in the Changing World — Continuity and Renewal».

2. The Assembly emphasized that the task of further developing WFDY calls for continuous work from all the leading bodies of WFDY in order to ensure that the demand for renewal does not become a passing fashion and as a result of which our Federation will become within a few years an international youth organization operating in a far more dynamic and efficient way than at present in conformity with the requirements of today's international situation.

3. The member organizations also decided jointly that they have to begin the implementation of the necessary changes without delay and they mandated the WFDY Executive Committee and Bureau to take concrete steps in this direction and made them responsible for this action. At the same time they entrusted the leading bodies of the Federation to analyse the political message of the Assembly once again, to examine the contents of the resolutions adopted jointly at the Assembly and to make every effort for the fullest possible implementation of the Programme of Action adopted for 1987.

ON THE GENERAL WORK OF THE BUREAU

4. The Bureau was able to begin the preparations for the next session of the EC and drafting of the general report in accordance with the already adopted decision, in May 1987, that the next session of the Executive Committee would be held in DPR Korea in December, following the invitation extended by the Socialist Working Youth League of Korea to hold the session of the EC in Pyongyang. This has created the possibility for the Bureau to plan the Federation's Programme of Action for 1988 in due time.

5. Already in July this year the Bureau addressed a letter to the members of the EC and to all the WFDY member organizations informing them of the Bureau's decision regarding the date and place of the EC and requesting them to express their views as soon as possible on the structure and contents of the programme of action for 1988. This was in keeping with the method of work decided on jointly at the Assembly. But the fact that practically very few WFDY member organizations have made proposals so far, either verbally or in writing, for next year's plans is far less in keeping with this method. Thus at present in preparing the draft plan of action for 1988 to submit to the EC, the Bureau is obliged to rely on the results of the various bilateral talks and on the agreements reached as a result of cooperation with the international partner organizations, while at the same time it continues efforts to gather proposals.

6. The basic task of the Bureau following the Assembly was to provide for the practical implementation of this year's Programme of Action. On the whole we have to report that we have only succeeded in implementing in part the plan so far — for there are still a few weeks left before the EC. This has been due in part to objective causes of a political nature and in part to shortcomings in both the common work done in WFDY by the member organizations as well as in the work carried out by the Bureau. Naturally, there were and are reasons why the Programme of Action has not been and could not be fully implemented that are related to the material and financial basis of the plans. The Bureau has — we believe rightly — taken seriously the passage in the Assembly resolution which declares: «Today there is no other solution for advancing than that of adjusting our political activities to the financial and material possibilities of WFDY, to the possibilities and the financial commitment of our member organizations». Looking back on the Programme of Action adopted at the Assembly we are obliged to conclude in all honesty that the 1987 plan did not take into sufficient account the above requirement, without which, in the opinion of the Bureau, it is not possible to elaborate realistic, politically responsible plans and programme of action in the future. We consider that the EC can only undertake to elaborate with responsibility a plan, and can

only entrust the Bureau with implementing tasks that are practically applicable. Reference is also made to this in the Assembly resolution which states that: «It happens often that decisions are not executed because they are faulty; the Bureau and the EC must weigh in every case whether the decision adopted can really be put into practice». The Bureau considers it essential to draw the attention of member organizations here too to this fundamental interrelationship between realistic political planning and material possibilities and to draw the conclusions in this respect from 1987.

7. This report would not be complete if we did not mention that the Bureau carried out its work in a basically good political atmosphere and in the spirit of the Assembly resolutions that set numerous concrete tasks for the Bureau and the EC as regards improving their style of work, making it more democratic and making their work more efficient and up-to-date. In the course of its political work the Bureau held more frequent consultations with a wider range of member organizations in adopting various political decisions and formulating positions. In the course of political preparatory work for events experts were involved in more than one case or representatives of member organizations not represented in the Bureau were invited to Budapest, at times for longer periods. The Bureau has been transforming its internal structure following the Assembly's decision. Its aim is to involve more Bureau members in concrete work and to further increase personal responsibility. With this new structure, the work is to be organized on the basis of the political themes discussed at the Assembly. The Bureau is convinced that this concept is correct in its fundamental direction and objectives. However we have not yet succeeded in completely transforming the old structure. This sometimes results in unclear personal responsibility and poorly defined division of work between each regional commission and department as well as among the Bureau members. In some cases, such a situation created practical shortcomings in the Bureau's work. We are confident that the Bureau will overcome this situation following the discussion of these questions too by the Executive Committee.

8. At the cost of considerable material efforts, the Bureau has created the Documentation and Research Centre decided on by the Assembly, but it remains a task for the coming year to fill it with real content so that it serves the political and cultural demands of the member organizations in the broadest sense. In this context the contribution of the member organizations in enriching the available information in the Centre has a great value.

9. The Bureau has also re-examined the Internal Rules and amended the Bureau's financial rules too, guided by the fundamental aim of achieving more rational and economical operation. The fact that the Bureau finalized the Internal Rules only

very recently resulted partly in inefficiencies in the work of the Bureau members too. We feel that in carrying out joint work in the Bureau, the consistent observation of the Internal Rules is an important element of efficiency.

It is also in this context that the Bureau considers as its future task to define more clearly the personal task of each Bureau member in order to enable them to have his/her own, concrete field of responsibility for the implementation of the programme of action. We need a more regular and substantial reporting system as well, and a collective system of checking the implementation of the Bureau decisions too.

10. The internal work of the Bureau has become more democratic and the planning of its day to day work has generally improved. However — and this can be attributed primarily to still existing shortcomings in the work of the responsible Bureau members, although it is undoubtedly also related to the problems of the internal structure already mentioned — some of the departments of the Bureau have not held as many meetings in 1987 as can be counted on the fingers of one hand, and some working groups have not even met at all. In this context the Bureau feels that it still has much to do to transform the Bureau into a forum of open and frank political dialogue and debates too.

11. In our opinion, the continuous joint work in the Bureau is disturbed also by the too frequent absences and trips of the Bureau members. The Bureau considers that both the common work and the more economical use of the means available make it indispensable in the future to select more strictly on the basis of political priorities among the different invitations extended to WFDY and to arrange for the indirect representation of WFDY through mandates given to member organizations with special regard to those which are members of the Executive Committee.

12. The Bureau feels that the member organizations represented in the Bureau should encourage their representatives to a greater extent to carry out the common work done in the interest of WFDY; when they accepted a post in the Bureau these organizations undertook a commitment to send a representative to the Bureau to carry out also the common tasks.

At the same time the too frequent absence of representatives sometimes objectively disturb the collective work of the Bureau. The Bureau should therefore take concrete measures to practically bridge the absence of Bureau members by such means as consultations with heads of departments or commissions before the departure of Bureau members, etc.

13. In this connection it must also be mentioned that the function of political workers has not been strictly defined yet. These colleagues continue to work mainly as members of the respective regional commissions rather than on carrying out concrete specialized tasks set for them by the Bureau. Nor has any progress

been made towards implementation of the Assembly resolution calling for preparation of the rotation of political workers or the appointment of individual Bureau members to different countries or regions for a longer period of time.

14. On the basis of all this, we consider that the more intensive discussion of these questions and the soonest possible implementation of the Assembly resolutions on the structure of the Bureau and on making its operation more efficient would be considerably advanced if discussions start following the Executive Committee meeting and a report containing concrete proposals is submitted to the next session of the EC in this regard.

15. In this general report of the Bureau we also wish to discuss those areas of work that the Assembly defined for us and that in the opinion of the Bureau, based on its political experiences of the past year, basically cover well the main areas of the Federation's political activity. The Bureau therefore recommends to the EC that it set out the Programme of Action for 1988 according to these areas of work.

16. In the light of this, the Bureau recommends to the EC that the WFDY's Programme of Action for 1988 include only those events and actions that are organized by one or more member organizations and which the EC decides, on the basis of a joint decision, to regard as WFDY events. In addition, the plan should naturally include all actions of an international nature that take the form of bilateral or multilateral events of WFDY and its partners or of other international organizations. The Bureau considers it more profitable both politically and materially, more realistic and at the same time more responsible to adopt a Programme of Action that may contain a smaller number of events than earlier programmes, but which takes the realities into account, does not raise false illusions in the member and friendly organizations and provides for events and actions that can be prepared well and provide a suitable basis for follow-up. At the same time we recommend that we include as an annexe to the plan, as a part of WFDY's programme for 1988 in a broader sense, the international events of the member organizations that deserve the attention of all WFDY member organizations.

ON OUR WORK FOR PEACE AND DISARMAMENT

17. If this report wishes to give a brief answer to the question of how far we have succeeded in advancing in 1987 towards the creation of a world-wide anti-nuclear coalition of youth, the Bureau can confidently declare that our Federation has sown the seeds of such a coalition on almost all continents. Naturally, not with the same result everywhere and with everybody. We must add — without regarding it as our task in this document to make

any kind of political analysis of the world, as this will be the task of the EC — that favourable conditions have been created for our work by the sweeping disarmament proposals, part of which may become reality soon as a result of the different talks conducted in the course of 1987, in the form of a new treaty of historical significance eliminating two categories of nuclear missiles. All this has encouraged the organizations grouped within WFDY to work diligently, for in the above they see in part the practical success of their own struggles too, and at the same time they also know that this achievement is very modest compared to what needs to be done for the creation of a world free of nuclear weapons. Among the positive and encouraging examples in this field, it is important to underline the political initiative and efforts made by WFDY's Greek, Danish, Swedish, French, West German or Japanese member organizations in their own countries or the numerous bi- and multilateral actions undertaken by the youth organizations of the socialist countries in cooperation with different partners all over the world in the interest of such a youth coalition. In this place we have to recall the fact that the «Peace Wave» actions took place in 43 countries with the active involvement of our member organizations and that so far about 26 million signatures have been collected for the «Appeal from Hiroshima and Nagasaki» aiming at one billion signatures. The Bureau can also point to successes in our work carried out in this direction with our international partners. The long-term co-operation agreements signed for the first time in our cooperation with IUSY and CENYC are an important part of our joint actions against the nuclear threat; the international peace seminar held in Berlin in March, the wide-scale youth events organized within the Framework of All-European Youth Cooperation on zones free of chemical and nuclear weapons in Europe, the International Youth Forum held this summer in Hiroshima, WFDY's participation in the «Next Stop Nevada» action and in the April 25th demonstration in the USA as well as the WFDY seminar in Bombay for a peaceful and secure Asia are all proofs that the member organizations of our Federation are working in growing numbers on the goal correctly set at the Assembly and that other political forces are also joining in this struggle. Other examples of this are the youth peace festivals held with broad political participation and the active support of WFDY that formed part of our programme for this year, such as the festivals held in Cali (Colombia) or in Stockholm (Sweden), or the Olof Palme Peace March through four countries jointly supported by WFDY and IUSY. In briefly mentioning events in this way, the Bureau merely wishes to indicate to the EC that 1987 abounded in peace and disarmament actions that our Federation utilised as far as its possibilities allowed to advance the cause of an anti-nuclear coalition.

18. The fundamental idea of this coalition, as is clearly defined in the Appeal adopted by the Assembly, is to create a common basis for further action-oriented cooperation and joint actions of young people regardless of their political and ideological differences, uniting them in the common and urgent task for the prevention of nuclear war and the elimination of nuclear weapons. In this framework, the coalition is also to further promote actions for specific partial and regional measures such as the creation of nuclear weapon-free zones, a total ban on nuclear tests, the prevention of militarization of outer space, etc.

19. All this naturally does not mean that our battle is as good as won in this area. On the basis, among others, of the experiences gained by the WFDY delegation to the meeting of European peace movements in Coventry, the Bureau recommends that WFDY make greater efforts in 1988 for the developing of new forms of actions in order to revive the dialogue and promote cooperation with the peace movements, somewhat neglected in the recent past. We also felt such readiness and willingness for cooperation on the part of a whole series of US peace movements and groups with which we succeeded in establishing contact this year. Another task is the political work, to which the Bureau devoted little attention this year, and which we should carry out as participants in the struggle against the creation of the South Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the assistance of both our African and Latin American member organizations in order to create a nuclear weapon-free zone in the South Atlantic.

In our opinion the efforts that could advance in practice the solution in the Middle East or Central America, for example, should become an integral part of the struggle waged by WFDY for peace. There is a need for initiatives of a new type and form that could give support on broad political bases to the conclusion of the Iraq-Iran war, to the holding of the international conference on the Middle East, to the peace plan of the Central American governments, or to a peaceful settlement of the situation in Southern Africa. It must be admitted frankly that the Bureau dealt very little with these questions and perhaps not in the most suitable way: apart from declarations issued from time to time it took no practical initiative, either within the Federation or with partners and our participation in the UN International Conference on Palestine is not capable of filling this vacuum.

20. Space should also be devoted in this report to the fact that the work of the Bureau's department dealing with peace and disarmament must be made far more active in the future and our ability to respond to the events of international life must be improved. The Bureau does not suggest the introduction of greater bureaucracy into the work, but at the same time it considers it important that the WFDY should act and express an opinion inde-

pendently in connection with the most important political events, reflecting also the aims, experiences and activity of the youth and peace movements. There has been progress in our work too, for example in the way the Bureau of the Federation reacted to the concrete initiatives on the creation of nuclear and chemical weapon-free zones as well as to the initiative of a global «Peace Wave» on October 24. At the same time, the Bureau did not respond to the agreement in principle on a Soviet-American treaty on the elimination of two categories of nuclear missiles in a way that would have enabled the Federation to act effectively in the course of our activities in this regard. The Federation has to support initiatives of the non-aligned movement and the Group of Six which play an important role in the safeguarding of world peace and security, utilising all possibilities for cooperation with the progressive youth movement in these countries.

ON OUR ANTI-IMPERIALIST SOLIDARITY WORK

21. The Bureau considers that the new approaches contained in the Assembly Report on WFDY's anti-imperialist solidarity activity and its further development also proved successful in practice in the past year. The majority of our member organizations developed quite rich solidarity activities in the framework of their own programmes, reaching some new dimensions in rendering moral, political and material support to those in need. At the same time the increased needs in this field, especially in responding promptly to the dynamically changing political situation in different regions of the world, as well as to the appeals of the WFDY Bureau require a more rapid response and a larger contribution of the member organizations.

On the other hand, the Bureau was not always successful in coordinating and supporting the different solidarity activities of our member organizations and this must be changed. A number of WFDY actions provided for in the programme of action were not carried out.

22. The Department of Anti-imperialist Solidarity newly created within the Bureau has not yet met the expectations; it did not make this activity more dynamic and should further work to create a natural link between SIVSAJ and WFDY in the solidarity field. It did not initiate new effective forms in solidarity work. Our work in this field was weak, particularly in Southern Africa as well as in the campaign for the release of Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners which should have been further promoted. WFDY should extend greater support to the struggle of the liberation movements and the youth of the Frontline States too. It is a fact that a number of good initiatives and plans lie behind this criticism but unfortunately objective problems con-

demned them to temporary failure. One such plan is the cultural festival of the youth of the Frontline States. Of course, other actions can be listed among the successes, such as the joint anti-apartheid demonstration of WFDY and MJCF in Paris in May this year, for the freedom of Nelson Mandela which contributed to the promotion of the campaign for the release of P.A. Albertini. A similarly successful event was the visit of the solidarity delegation of WFDY to Mozambique.

The Bureau considers that solidarity work in Latin America must be further improved next year too, although here we extended effective support both to the Central American peoples — in particular those of Nicaragua and El Salvador — and to the Chilean people struggling against the fascist dictatorship. Although Manuel Hernández is still in prison, the extensive support for this cause at the same time focused international attention this year on the cause of the release of the political prisoners in Chile. The Bureau highly evaluates the activities of the 3rd A.C. Sandino Coffee Brigade and regards the whole process of preparation holding and follow-up of the brigade as a specific form of solidarity with Nicaragua on the part of the member organizations involved. Therefore, taking into consideration its great political significance we must continue to provide effective support for this major solidarity project of WFDY/SIVSAJ. Despite the very complex situation, the Bureau succeeded during these few months in finding forms that represent assistance for those struggling for a peaceful solution in the Middle East. The visit of a WFDY delegation to Syria and Lebanon, their meetings with the Lebanese progressive forces, were of political importance from this point of view. We found an effective form of support for the Palestinian cause this year with the publication of a brochure written by the fact-finding mission.

However, apart from occasional political support and several practical actions, our anti-imperialist solidarity work did not bring new elements in the area of Asia and the Pacific which were contained in the Program of Action. It must be admitted that the anti-imperialist struggle of the progressive youth organizations that are on the rise and strengthening in Asia expects more support in the future from WFDY and since this continent will be the venue for the 13th WFYS this should be one more reason for us to develop our solidarity work.

23. The Assembly mapped out the directions for the further development of our solidarity work and while stressing the importance of political-moral solidarity, at the same time it pointed out the importance of material support. It is a fact that the possibilities of WFDY are very limited in the field of the latter. In order to be able to better concentrate our resources in this field and to render more effective support to the struggle of different peoples, it is of primordial importance that the member organiz-

ations with better material conditions put an increasing part of their resources at the disposal of WFDY and SIVSAJ for this purpose. Without this, we cannot realistically plan the broadening and improvement of our work to the above end, or even maintain its present level. It is worth considering whether a realistic sum should be set aside to this end in the budget of WFDY at the beginning of the year and to measure to what extent and in what way the member organizations will be able to contribute to the implementation of the 1988 programme of WFDY and SIVSAJ.

24. It would serve the efficiency of our anti-imperialist solidarity if we could make increased use of possibilities deriving from the cooperation with international democratic organizations as well as with our partner youth organizations. Also in 1987 we have witnessed and taken part in a series of parallel conferences and events aimed at supporting the struggle of the same region with the same methods, which have resulted in the frittering away of resources and the failure once again to make full use of our possibilities. In the future, we should definitely make better use of the political and material advantages deriving from cooperation in the different areas of our work too.

ON OUR WORK FOR THE SOLUTION OF GLOBAL PROBLEMS

25. The Assembly correctly decided that WFDY should in the future increase its contribution to the efforts undertaken for the solution of the global problems of the world. The Assembly assisted this too by mapping out the main regions where the WFDY should act. An outstanding task among these is the work our Federation must carry out for the establishment of a New International Economic Order (NIEO). We have to admit that the efforts the Bureau has made to this end are far from sufficient. Part of the events concerning these problems included in our 1987 Programme of Action have not been realized for different reasons (e.g. the round-table conference to be organized jointly with the Malaysian Youth Council, the international seminar to be organized jointly with the Polish CIC, and the international conference to be organized together with our FRG member organization, etc.) and the others that have been held have not been up to the requirements as to participation of member organizations and their activity, as well as the results of the events (e.g. the weak coordination and organization of the Latin American continental day of action against the payment of the foreign debt). It should be mentioned that the holding of the seminar on disarmament and development in Khartoum (Sudan) immediately after the Assembly was an attempt by the Federation to meet burning issues of mankind in the light of the acute socio-economic problems in developing countries and their relation with the arms race.

26. The Bureau despite this fact dealt less than necessary with the examination of the interdependence between disarmament and development which could have made more effective our participation in this year's UN conference and the NGO conference in preparation of the former organized on this subject. The Bureau's Department on Peace and Disarmament and the Department on Global Problems have also failed to deal regularly with this question and to elaborate a comprehensive WFDY standpoint which could have rendered important assistance as to the conferences of international importance mentioned above, and the national work of WFDY member organizations. WFDY should deal with this question intensively in the future by regular activities and more thoroughly than up to now, thus responding to the expectations and the interests of the member organizations.

27. In the field of problems concerning environmental protection and ecology, it is a fact that the seminar on environmental protection included in WFDY's Programme of Action for the first time can be considered — despite the weak participation of our member organizations — as a good starting basis for our future work. This assessment is valid due to a large extent to the continuous cooperation of the Bureau with the Swedish member organization as host and to the intensive preparatory work prior to the event, as well as during the event itself. The Bureau believes that further advance in this respect is urgently necessary for the more thorough elaboration of WFDY's standpoint on the protection of the environment. This task is an urgent one even if we are well aware that a series of debates are to be expected on matters both of content and of detail among the member organizations. The Bureau considers that such events as the environmental summer camp organized together with KISZ (Hungary) and IYF in August, or the seminar on ecology and peace organized by WFDY's member organization in Poland are good occasions for deepening our knowledge and experience and shaping our standpoint in this field.

28. The approach to global problems requires nowadays not only political but sound professional knowledge. This potential does not exist in each and every problem in the Bureau. Therefore it seems expedient for the member organizations interested to send comrades with high level, professional knowledge on specialized questions on the basis of concrete agreements with the Bureau, in part with the aim of giving guidance and in part to help elaborate documents and prepare publications. The Bureau thinks that the organization of fragmented actions would only lead to the dissipation of energies: thorough work, the regular information and active contribution of member organizations and the issuing of different publications in all these fields mentioned would bring better results from the viewpoint of the whole Federation too.

ON OUR WORK FOR YOUTH RIGHTS

29. The Assembly decided that WFDY as an international youth organization should lay greater stress on the representation and defense of the rights of young people in the coming period. Without repeating the resolutions of the Assembly we have to recall that it was this field which showed a series of new features: without a thorough knowledge of the situation of young people, the recognition of their interests and their representation, no international youth organization can acquire authority among either its member or its friendly organizations. On this basis the Bureau is pleased to assess the positive shift that has been achieved in the work of the Federation in this field, although we can speak merely rather of a shift than a breakthrough. The regional events organized by WFDY in 1987 in Athens, Accra or Freetown on the assertion of youth rights are an indication of the activation of our work, and the participation in them of a relatively broad scale of member organizations points to a responsible approach to these themes and the need these organizations feel for joint work and joint action. Especially in the course of the Athens event the ideas worded during the useful preparatory meeting and the event itself indicated also future tasks, and the activation of the Federation in this field.

On the other hand, the WFDY Bureau is aware that it should elaborate new forms of activity for the democratization of education and appropriate vocational training, with the participation of youth, by taking into account their struggle and mobilization.

A more concrete endeavour by WFDY for the implementation of the most basic rights of youth would serve, at the same time, to improve our cooperation with other democratic youth and student organizations at international as well as at national level.

We can say in general that the defense of youth rights is a cause which cannot be effectively carried out by WFDY alone, and for this reason, in 1988 more attention should be paid to cooperation with such partners as WFTU, WIDF, MIJARC, JOCI, IUSY and IUS.

30. In 1987, WFDY in addition to the actions carried out made a series of plans which could become an effective continuation of the work already begun: at the beginning of next year a seminar will be organized jointly with our Austrian member organization on the situation of young women, and we shall be co-organizers of the conference on young workers to be organized by the World Federation of Trade Unions in Budapest.

31. We can mention as a shortcoming that the Bureau and WFDY in general did not make use of the opportunity offered by the UN International Year of Shelter for the Homeless to represent the rights of youth and to present their real situation. Despite the fact that a concrete initiative was proposed to this end

by WFDY's member organization in the USA, we can only report on small progress as to putting it into practice.

32. Though the defence of the national culture, mass and democratic sports, humanism in culture and sports and culture as vehicles of peace and friendship among peoples play a very significant role in the life of the youth movement, and although we have set up a special group in the Bureau to pay greater attention to this field, we have to point out that so far nothing has been done. The Bureau considers it necessary to have a clear-cut definition of the functions of the commission that has been set up and to start work as soon as possible on the issues of culture and sports among young people. This requires a greater exchange of information with the member organizations on their activities in this respect as well as the establishment of contacts with international, regional and national organizations and institutions specialized in these fields.

ON OUR COOPERATION WITH OTHERS

33. In 1987 our Federation has carried out basically successful work in different fields to seek and find allies, partners and sympathizers for the attainment of our political objectives. This work was very complex and as this report has already spoken of the efforts made for a world-wide anti-nuclear coalition, here we mention only three fields of our policy of cooperation:

a) *The 13th World Festival of Youth and Students:*

The Bureau has made active efforts in keeping with the Assembly resolutions that WFDY should contribute to the holding of the coming 13th World Festival of Youth and Students on a broad political basis. It can be considered as a result of our work in this respect that at the beginning of this year international preparations for the 1989 Festival to be held in Pyongyang began with a broad involvement, and the setting up of the first broad-based National Preparatory Committees. The Bureau considers that by a consistent policy and practice of cooperation based on mutual confidence, as it has been demonstrated by the recent informal meeting in Cyprus, the success of the further preparations can be ensured. The readiness of the Indian youth organizations, generally welcomed by the most different youth organizations including WFDY, as well as the offer by the NPC of the GDR to host the 2nd and the 3rd IPC meeting respectively will undoubtedly give new impetus to the national preparations which must continue to enjoy priority in the course of the Festival preparations.

b) In 1987, we have made a qualitative step forward in the cooperation with IUSY and CENYC. For the first time in the course

of our history we elaborated and signed a long-term programme of joint work with these two organizations during successful bilateral seminars organized with them jointly. In addition to these two partner organizations we have concluded agreements also with other partner organizations to deepen cooperation, for example, with IFLRY and NYC, with the latter covering an entirely new field, the theme of joint solidarity with the youth organizations of the Frontline States. Of special note are the first steps we have undertaken in the direction of direct bilateral dialogue with EYCD which should be followed up in 1988. Our cooperation with these organizations was successful also in multilateral forms: it is sufficient to mention the agreement which provides for a European youth meeting which is to be organized jointly with the organizations subscribing to the AEYSC Framework with the participation of several hundred young people in the summer of 1988. There was no significant development after the Assembly in WFDY's cooperation with AASU, OCLAE, PAYM, IUS and AYU, although the contacts were of regular and constructive character.

c) WFDY's participation in the work of the UN and its specialized agencies — first of all UNESCO — was more organized, purposeful and efficient. Good examples of this are that WFDY has been elected again to the Working Group of Collective Consultations of Youth NGO's in consultative status with UNESCO, that the post of secretary is being filled with growing authority by our Federation in the Special NGO Committee for Disarmament, that WFDY continues to be one of the pillars of the Geneva Informal Meetings and that on 15th September 1987 the Federation was awarded the «Peace Messenger» diploma by the UN Secretary-General for its active contribution to the actions of the International Year of Peace.

In the period to come the Bureau will have to deal more deeply with the concrete ways and means by which the Federation can more effectively support the preservation and the strengthening of the universality of the United Nations system, as well as the promotion of our objectives within this framework. This may be achieved also by improving the level of the active involvement of WFDY in major political events which will take place in international life, like the Third Special Session of the UN on Disarmament, the International Literacy Year or the World Decade of Cultural Development.

34. The three main fields of the cooperation policy of WFDY mentioned above indicate that further work is required in this area. We have to see clearly that we cannot realize our political objectives alone and for this reason we have to cooperate with other political forces, organizations and movements as trustworthy allies and honest partners, in the interest of attaining the joint aims, on the basis of principles and reasonable compromises.

35. In the opinion of the Bureau, WFDY must also take into increasing account certain new phenomena appearing in the international youth movement in its cooperation policy. Numerous forces are now operating on the different continents which are striving not only for formal relations with WFDY, but also for substantial relations with real content. These are mainly national youth organizations and, to an increasing extent, student organizations. The Bureau considers that we must be open towards these initiatives and through increased day by day work we must strengthen our relations with all organizations wishing to cooperate with us, in the interest of attaining our political goals.

ON OUR PRESS AND INFORMATION WORK

36. The further development of WFDY's press and information work was an integral part of the programme of action adopted at the Assembly for 1987. While we have succeeded in achieving a number of favourable changes in this area, the pace of improvement is far from being as fast as the member organizations expect of the EC and the Bureau. For the sake of a full picture, it must be added that the active participation and involvement of the member organizations in this area of our work is of outstanding significance and we have only succeeded in achieving this in part in the course of 1987.

37. The Bureau can report to the EC members on positive changes as regards the content and quality of the regular WFDY publications — World Youth and WFDY News. We have succeeded to a greater extent in devoting attention to political questions of importance for the everyday work of the member organizations and in publishing from time to time thematic surveys of important issues, such as environmental protection and the just struggle of the Palestinian people. WFDY News, that serves to inform member organizations, has been renewed in both contents and form and can become an increasingly useful vehicle for providing up-to-date information.

There is still much to be desired as regards the punctual appearance of both our regular publications, although there was some improvement in this area in 1987, not least of all thanks to the printing equipment provided for WFDY by our member organizations in the GDR and in Hungary.

38. In the course of 1987 we have not succeeded in implementing the Assembly's decision on the publication of special bulletins by the Bureau's regional commissions and thematic committees and departments. Although there is a positive example — the edition of 4 WFDY bulletins for Latin America — the bulletins of the other regional commissions did not appear and only one issue each has been put together of the Festinfo and the Disarmament

Bulletin. The Bureau regards this as a serious omission that cannot be counterbalanced by the positive fact that the booklets on the struggle of the Palestinian people and the WFDY/SIVSAJ Coffee Brigade in Nicaragua as well as the results of the WFDY delegation of journalists to the DPR Korea have been published in attractive form and with good contents.

39. The Bureau considers that in 1988 the substantial improvement of the standard of WFDY's publications must be set as the principal task for the Bureau's Press and Information Department. It must be made a permanent duty for the Bureau members and political collaborators working in the department to take part actively and regularly in this work, because it is only in this way that we can ensure the fullest and most economical, that is, the most efficient use of the existing possibilities and the substantial improvement of the contents of the work.

40. As regards the future, the Bureau recommends that the EC instruct the Bureau to examine the entire structure of WFDY's press activity in the spirit of the Assembly's resolutions and prepare a report on this for the next session of the EC. These documents should set as a goal the modernization of WFDY's press and information work, bringing it into harmony with the demands and needs of the member organizations. This requires a thorough debate on these questions in the Bureau with the participation of the member organizations and the specialists working in this area, in the interest of reducing the present differences in approach and in eliminating the technical shortcomings in WFDY's press.

ON THE FINANCIAL MEANS AND ON THE EXPANSION OF WFDY

41. Unfortunately, the Bureau cannot speak with satisfaction about an increase in financial discipline in the period since the 12th Assembly. The overwhelming majority of the Federation's member organizations do not meet the commitments they have undertaken for the payment of membership dues, obliging WFDY to turn for supplementary funds to precisely those member organizations which already contribute regularly to the incomes of WFDY. The Bureau considers this situation to be untenable and recommends to the EC that it approach the member organizations in writing on this question in order to meet their commitments on this question. At the same time, it will be a task for the coming period to elaborate financial norms and a mechanism regulating the use of the Federation's common material means that tie the more democratic and economical use of the material means to the political requirements, to a material contribution by the member organizations corresponding to their possibilities, and above all to

priority for the implementation of the WFDY Programme of Action.

42. We also recommend that in the beginning of 1988 the Bureau examine those areas of work where there is excessive spending, that it rationalize its work and reduce the journeys by members of the Bureau not judged to be politically necessary. The Bureau considers that it is only through a disciplined financial policy and the joint consideration of political requirements and material implications that a realistic programme of work can be set up for 1988. And these factors must be taken into full consideration right from the present, initial stage of the planning. The WFDY Bureau must rely to an increasing extent in this on the Auditing Commission, something that it failed to do in 1987 contrary to the resolution of the Assembly.

43. The Bureau considers that the broad approach to the policy of accepting new members called for in the resolutions of the 12th Assembly must be continued and improved, taking into consideration the fact that various organizations have already applied for membership of WFDY since the 12th Assembly.

ADDENDA

to the General Report of the Bureau to the Executive Committee on the work done since the 12th Assembly of WFDY

ON THE WORK DONE BY CIMEA

1. The CIMEA work since the 7th Assembly of its member organizations focused on putting into practice the political spirit of the CIMEA Assembly for organizational renewal and further strengthening of CIMEA ranks by starting the implementation of the CIMEA Programme of Action «Children are building up peace together». Although progress has been made, CIMEA has succeeded as far as the commitment to the aims and jointly elaborated programmes of CIMEA are implemented not only in words but also in deeds.

2. CIMEA paid special attention to strengthening, widening and intensifying the cooperation of progressive and democratic forces — particularly children's and adolescents' organizations — on peace education of the growing generation, by launching the international movement «Children are building up peace together». The major initiative of the movement in 1987, the mass children's voting for peace has been successfully realized so far only by a limited number of member organizations, though preparations for its further advancement on international and national level are in progress. The further success of the movement will largely depend on finding suitable forms of actions on national, regional and international level for the involvement of target strata in different societies dealing with children.

3. CIMEA and its member organizations continued their efforts for strengthening cooperation for the improvement of the situation of children in the world, particularly for implementing and defence of children's rights and eliminating the grave consequences of underdevelopment for children. The consultative meeting of CIMEA member organizations in Africa held in Luanda, Angola in October 1987 with the participation of UNICEF was an important step toward the practical involvement of CIMEA member organ-

izations of the continent in the realization of the «Child Survival and Development Revolution».

4. By participating in the work of the Informal NGO Ad Hoc Group on the Drafting of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and by related activities of some of the member organizations, CIMEA made its contribution toward the target of finalizing the drafting and adopting of the Convention by the 10th anniversary of IYC in 1989.

5. Solidarity with children in Nicaragua, ANC/South Africa and SWAPO/Namibia has been in the centre of solidarity activity of CIMEA and its member organizations since the Assembly. Despite the obvious successes and progress made the efficiency of the multilateral solidarity projects is still low. Further efforts are required to meet the various interests and expectations of member organizations in planning, participation and coordination of the jointly agreed projects.

6. The solidarity campaign «Let us support the war orphans in Nicaragua» resulted in a considerable supply of goods for the equipment of the «Chavalito» orphan home in Esteli but plans for starting its reconstruction from 1st April 1988 could be agreed upon only at the beginning of November 1987.

7. The European solidarity tour with children of ANC and SWAPO was an outstanding example of practical solidarity toward the suffering children of South Africa and Namibia and resulted in a considerably increased «child to child» level of solidarity in the countries visited, as the follow-up to the tour, the International Solidarity Campaign of CIMEA «Fill the schoolbag of Namibian Children» started in October, 1987.

8. The International Tribunal «Children Accuse Pinochet» held in November 1987 in Stockholm, Sweden, was the first event jointly organized with IFM/SEI with international participation. The participation of children from Chile and others living in exile and their moving testimonies was a new form in CIMEA work in expressing support to the broad patriotic resistance in the country.

9. The CIMEA solidarity work can be further improved if part of the material and financial resources necessary for the implementation of multilateral solidarity projects are available at the international or at national level. In accordance with the decisions of the 7th CIMEA Assembly the first draft of the International Solidarity Fund of CIMEA offering a solution in this regard has been elaborated but was met with a reluctant attitude by some, and an indifferent attitude on the part of several member organizations.

10. CIMEA continued its efforts for deepening the cooperation of children's and adolescents' organizations in the framework of CAIC and the AEYSC, the Enlarged Meeting of CAIC in February

1987 agreed upon a new programme of action for the coming years aimed at putting into practice the recommendation of the International Conference «Children, Peace and Development», a jointly initiated peace education activity, the elaboration of the comparative study of history books used in elementary schools of different countries of Europe and a joint environment action.

11. Bilateral cooperation with IFM/SEI has further deepened and extended to new areas, particularly by organizing the 3rd bilateral seminar on «Children and their future» and the joint solidarity event with Chilean children.

12. CIMEA continued its cooperation with the UN and its specialized agencies toward the realization of a peaceful and happy childhood for all children of the world. The steps taken toward obtaining consultative status in ECOSOC and in UN/DPI could contribute toward the better representation of interests of member organizations especially in the cooperation with UNICEF.

13. For its contribution toward the realization of the aims of the International Year of Peace CIMEA was awarded the «Peace Messenger» diploma of the UN Secretary-General on the 15th September 1987.

14. The thematical working groups set up by the Assembly on peace education, on the challenge of new technologies, on leisure time of children and on environment protection have started their work toward the elaboration of a CIMEA standpoint on the respective subjects. The holding of the International Seminar of CIMEA on Children's Leisure Time in Budapest, Hungary in November 1987 considerably advanced the work in this field.

Among the regional working groups on the prevailing situation of children on different continents, so far only the African working group has succeeded to start its elaboration.

15. The consolidation of the regional activity of CIMEA has been widely considered as a key question of the organizational renewal. The Enlarged Meeting of the CIMEA Presidium organized with the involvement of the African member organizations in Luanda, Angola, in October 1987 effectively served this aim. The Latin American Regional «Peace and Friendship» Camp held in August 1987 in Cuba was an important opportunity for establishing contacts and strengthening cooperation of CIMEA member organizations on regional level. The camp and its programme were prepared with insufficient involvement of the Secretariat which, particularly in the case of the seminar on foreign debt organized during the camp, did not bring the expected results. With the aim of defining responsibilities in organizing similar future camps the Meeting of the CIMEA Presidium adopted guidelines in this regard.

16. The Secretariat failed to reflect the regional realities of member organizations in its publications and particularly in publishing the special supplement of the CIMEA Magazine on Latin

America due to lack of sufficient response from member organizations.

17. The lack of necessary activity on the part of several member organizations of the CIMEA Presidium in coordinating the implementation of the Work Plan of CIMEA in the respective regions, in channelling the information on regional and subregional level, continues to be an obstacle in the further improvement of regional activities of CIMEA and in the involvement of a broader range of member organizations in forming the policy and yearly programmes of CIMEA.

18. The CIMEA Secretariat continued its work under the conditions of the frequent absence and increased time pressure of its members, while lacking information from the majority of member organizations and the possibility of regular contacts. The planning of the work of the Secretariat has still not reached the desirable level.

In order to ensure conditions for its continuous functioning as a political body — until a solution for the political and geographical representation of member organizations in the Secretariat is found — the Secretariat will to an increased extent use the practice of representation of CIMEA through the members of its Presidium. By these measures — even over the short term — the efficiency of the work of the Secretariat could be further increased.

19. In order to ensure that the specific characteristics and interests of CIMEA member organizations are taken into consideration, the political, organizational and financial conditions for functioning of CIMEA should be considered by the respective bodies of WFDY by the 8th CIMEA Assembly.

ON THE WORK DONE BY BITEJ

1. The work of BITEJ since the 8th General Conference has been concentrated on the strengthening of the structure of the organizations, on the development and improvement of the activities of working and governing bodies of BITEJ and on the elaboration of new attractive forms of activities in line with the Programme of BITEJ Activities adopted by the 8th General Conference of BITEJ in Budapest.

2. BITEJ has been contributing to the quantitative and qualitative growth of youth tourism and exchange on national as well as on international level: interactions, friendship exchanges, seminars are just a few examples.

Particular importance has been attached to the utilization of all forms and ways that make tourism available for young people and make possible the active involvement of young people in the movement for peace, detente and international understanding.

3. BITEJ as a specialized body of WFDY, has been actively involved in the international political activities of the Federation, supporting it through its actions in the field of international youth tourism and exchange.

4. Implementing the resolution of the 8th General Conference, the BITEJ Council has put into practice the new system of work in BITEJ governing and working bodies and appointed new officers: the Treasurer of the BITEJ Development Fund, the Project Coordinator and the Editor-in-Chief of BITEJ Publications. It was agreed that the officers' financing should not be based on the BITEJ Development Fund. At present their activities are supported by the BITEJ Development Fund, but in the future it will be self-financed. It is expected that in the future more active work will be realized by the permanent commissions. There are still problems waiting for solution e.g. the regional coordination of BITEJ members.

5. One of the fundamental decisions of the BITEJ General Conference was the establishment of the BITEJ Development Fund. The aims to be realized through the Fund, especially rendering assistance to the youth travel bureaus in the developing countries, broadening the scope and improvement of the efficiency of BITEJ activities, are of great importance. Unfortunately the contributions to the Fund have in part not been made as declared beforehand by the member organizations. This fact makes the project planning more complicated, i.e. the plans to be realized through the Fund, thus limiting the possibility of supporting some interesting initiatives.

6. This year BITEJ has organized six international events — Interactions (the specific products of BITEJ), having two important elements: political content and group tourism. The most important of them were: the International Youth and Student Tourist Centre «Youth in Society: History and the Contemporary World» in the Soviet Union, the Odra — River of Peace in Poland and GDR, the 10th Festival of Amateur Youth Art in Bulgaria and other important events organized in Greece and Panama. BITEJ members have also contributed to the «Nordic Peace Camp» in Sweden. Having in mind the new possibilities created by the establishment of the post of Project Officer, the concept of Interactions of intercontinental character and of other new projects will be worked out in 1988.

7. BITEJ with other international youth and student tourist organizations has contributed to the 6th European Youth and Student Tourist Centre in Primorsko, Bulgaria.

The extension and strengthening of BITEJ relations with the organizations in Latin America, a seminar of BITEJ-FATEJ was organized in Mexico. Bearing in mind the necessity of expending the contacts between young people from different continents, the

exchange of three groups from each organization will be organized in 1988.

8. In 1987 BITEJ has published in 5000 copies 2 information bulletins and 2 handbooks (1. Collection of international documents adopted for the development of youth tourism and exchange 1975-1986; 2. Collection of documents adopted by the 8th General Conference of BITEJ). By the end of this year BITEJ will issue a special publication «People to People via BITEJ», containing the most interesting tourist programmes and offers of BITEJ members.

In 1988 we intend to publish, in addition to the information bulletins, a handbook of tourist facilities — establishments of BITEJ members and a similar multipurpose tourist product promotion poster.

9. BITEJ has already started the preparations for the 13th WFYS to be held in Pyongyang in 1989. It was recommended to include issues pertaining to the 13th WFYS in the agenda of the forthcoming BITEJ Council Session, and to incorporate them into the plans of the working commissions.

This year BITEJ has also organized a study tour for the delegation of the Korean Youth and Children's Travel Bureau in Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary, GDR and the USSR. The visit was one of the steps undertaken by BITEJ for the 13th WFYS.

10. In cooperation with the international organizations in the past period (last year), the activities of BITEJ should be mentioned within WTO. During the 7th Session of the WTO General Assembly held in Madrid, BITEJ as the Chairman of the Working Party of CMA of WTO has introduced the idea of holding a World Conference «Youth — 2000» devoted to youth and student tourism. The 7th Session of the WTO adopted a resolution on the WTO Forum on Youth Tourism and Exchange scheduled for 1990.

The idea of organizing a World Conference on the subject of youth tourism creates the possibility for: «assembling a wide spectrum of international organizations, international youth organizations, governmental and non-governmental institutions and introducing discussion on the current problems pertaining to youth tourism; 2. obtaining preferences for youth tourism and exchanges and transport with reduced rates and preferential treatment. The Preparatory Committee for the «Youth — 2000» forum will meet in summer 1988.

11. BITEJ participated in the seminar on Youth Tourism and Exchanges organized within the Framework of All-European Youth and Student Cooperations in Oslo, Norway. The permanent working group on youth tourism and exchange formed within the Framework creates for BITEJ new possibilities for more active cooperation with youth organizations in the area of youth tourism and exchange.

The traditional relations with friendly international youth and student tourist organizations (ISTC, FIYTO, BITS and AITSLT) have been developing through the organization of joint events, the realization of specific projects in different fields as well as different actions held bilaterally. However BITEJ is looking for the realization of new common tourist projects with the broad participation of young people.

12. In the coming period BITEJ will strive for the improvement of basic activities and for working out new concrete projects for a better response to different practical needs of the membership.

ON THE WORK DONE BY SIVSAJ

1. The relatively short period of time that has elapsed since the last 4th General Conference of SIVSAJ provides the opportunity to make an interim assessment of the first steps undertaken, aimed at strengthening the new, positive trends in its work, better adapted to the needs of our member organizations. At present this assessment is not straightforward: while in the areas of voluntary service, the implementation of the WFDY scholarship scheme and international cooperation, SIVSAJ has started to pave the way to accomplishments in the spirit of the process of renewal, in another field — the implementation of concrete solidarity projects on a multilateral basis — we are far from the needed breakthrough.

In the field of voluntary service, member organizations with traditions in this specific youth activity successfully continued the process of adaptation to the requirements of today, diversifying the spectrum of forms and approaches and intensified the exchange of experiences with increased efforts of the SIVSAJ executive bodies. Still more efforts should be devoted to providing the necessary methodological and practical assistance to the concerned member organizations, especially in the developing countries. To this end, a good example, namely the holding of an already traditional workcamp — seminar of workcamp organizers from the developing countries, sponsored by NCVB/DYCL, could be followed by other member organizations.

2. As for the WFDY scholarship scheme for the 1987/88 academic year, its implementation ran more smoothly, thus providing opportunities for some forty young people to continue their studies in a number of socialist countries. Not all applications could be accepted due to the limited quota and especially due to a serious gap in meeting the educational requirements of the donor countries in a number of cases. Meanwhile greater efforts have been made by SIVSAJ for the dissemination of additional information about procedural and content elements of the scholarship scheme.

3. Fully in line with some new trends and phenomena in the international voluntary service movement SIVSAJ succeeded in promoting, as well as opening itself to different initiatives, inc. the establishment of an All-European framework of cooperation among voluntary service organizations, coorganizing study tours, joint solidarity projects, etc. thus further developing contacts with an increased number of partner organizations and promoting the idea of the anti-nuclear youth coalition through the specific channels of voluntary service.

4. As for the implementation of concrete solidarity projects on a multilateral basis, we regard it as an area of our common concern on which we have to focus our attention, because it is of major importance for SIVSAJ and for the image of WFDY as well.

5. We do not refer here to the numerous solidarity projects carried out successfully by a number of member organizations on a bilateral basis within their own programmes, which constitute the essential part of our overall solidarity activities. We also exclude from this assessment the performance of the 3rd «A.C. Sandino» coffee brigade in Nicaragua — an outstanding result in the activities of this specialized body of the Federation. In this regard special emphasis should be placed on the «self-financed» character of this project, i.e. participation is being totally covered by fund-raising or other actions of our member organizations.

As it was pointed out by the last SIVSAJ Conference «this practice represents an important, solid principle of our concrete solidarity work which should be followed consistently in the future as well». Strictly adhering to it in the ongoing preparations for the 4th consecutive WFDY coffee brigade, we are convinced that it will be yet another success in our solidarity work.

6. Unfortunately this is not the case with some other concrete solidarity projects. We are still unable to overcome serious shortcomings: easy promises, unrealistic planning and considerations not corresponding to the financial possibilities of the member organizations, delays in the initial process of preparations on the recipient side, lack of prompt or any response by member organizations, insufficient efforts to correct the situation, etc. All of these together with a very essential objective reason — the lack of any financial or material resources or a solidarity fund at the disposal of SIVSAJ — result in delays in the implementation of the projects and restrict the ability for urgent action whenever necessary. This problem needs thorough consideration by the EC meeting, taking also into account that this specific area of activities can be a promising field of future cooperation with a number of partner organizations devoted to the ideals of peace, solidarity and friendship, namely national and international voluntary service organizations.

PROGRAMME

of Action of WFDY for 1988

1. Peace and Disarmament

1. Regional Youth Meeting for Peace and Nuclear Disarmament in Asia and the South Pacific.

Main theme: the situation in the region and the struggle of the people and youth for peace, national independence, a nuclear weapon-free Asia and Pacific, for security and cooperation, and the prospects for implementing the idea of an Anti-Nuclear Youth Coalition in the region.

Venue: Sydney, Australia

Date: the first half of 1988.

Host: Young Socialist League of Australia

Participation: member, friendly and partner organizations in the region and other interested organizations.

Form: seminar

Remark:

The opportunity given by the event will be utilized as a mobilizing initiative for the successful observation of a week of action on five continents (envisaged in point 2). The creation of a committee by youth organizations in France and in the South Pacific against French nuclear testing to be supported by WFDY will also be a topic of the event.

2. A week of united youth actions on five continents for the prevention of nuclear war and the elimination of nuclear weapons, towards the creation of an Anti-Nuclear Youth Coalition.

Purpose:

to promote international cooperation of different youth organizations and peace movements for the above-mentioned task with

the international signature campaign in support of the «Appeal from Hiroshima and Nagasaki» as a common action, to increase the awareness of young people of the necessity of the Anti-Nuclear Youth Coalition.

Title of the week will be decided by the Bureau through further consultations.

Date: during the SSD III (May 31 — June 25, 1988).

3. Mass youth event dedicated to disarmament — «Anti-Nuclear Summit of European Youth».

Purpose: to help better understanding on different topics connected with peace and disarmament, especially nuclear disarmament, and to consider possibilities for joint actions in this field.

Venue: Czechoslovakia

Date: June, 1988.

Host: Socialist Union of Youth of Czechoslovakia (SSM).

Participation: member organizations in Europe and North America, peace movements, partner and other interested organizations.

4. «South Atlantic — Zone of Peace.»

Main theme: the role of youth organizations against the creation of the South Atlantic Treaty Organization (SATO) and for the conversion of the South Atlantic into a zone of peace.

Venue: Brazil (National University of Brasil)

Date: June 17-19, 1988.

Host: Juventude do Partido Comunista Brasileiro (JPCB)

Juventude Socialista do Partido Democratico

Trabalhista (JSPDT)

Juventude do Partido do Movimento Democratico Brasileiro (JPMDB)

Participation: The broad participation of youth organizations from Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Angola, ANC and SWAPO.

5. To sponsor an event, some time around June 1988, under the title «The youth of the world for an International Conference on the Middle East». The proposed venue is Vienna. The possibilities of initial coordination with other organizations to be discussed as soon as possible.

6. To develop throughout 1988 a «Campaign for Self-determination, Independence and Peace in Central America», expressed in different forms around the liberation struggle of the people, the process of negotiation and the satisfaction of the legitimate aspirations of the Central American Peoples and respect of their right to life.

2. Anti-imperialist Solidarity

1. Actions in support of the struggle against apartheid, for the liberation of Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners, in solidarity with ANC and SWAPO and the countries of the Front-line:

a) To organize an international solidarity conference with youth victims of apartheid (Mozambique, 2nd half of the year).

(AFCOM agreed that the conference to place in Mozambique under the title «Solidarity with the victims of apartheid» should be our central event in Africa in the year 1988. Preparation has already started in AFCOM. It is proposed to invite the OJM to WFDY in order to have broad and deep consultation on the date, participants and co-organizers.)

b) To organize a solidarity tour with SWAPO Youth League and the ANC Youth Section in Latin America.

c) To organize a solidarity tour in Europe of youth organizations from the Front-line countries.

d) To continue the campaign to collect signatures of artist and sportsmen in support of the struggle of the ANC, SWAPO and the Front-line countries.

2. Solidarity with the Sandinist people's revolution, with the Salvadoran patriots and the youth and peoples of Central America in their anti-imperialist struggle for national sovereignty, self-determination and peace:

a) To continue the solidarity campaign «Nicaragua must survive».

— To organize the 4th International «Augusto Cesar Sandino» Brigade of Coffee Harvests of WFDY-SIVSAJ.

— To launch an international solidarity campaign with the people and children of Nicaragua for supporting the finalization of the construction of the «Chavelito» in Esteli, Nicaragua, initiated by CIMEA.

b) To conduct a solidarity campaign under the title «Self-determination, sovereignty and peace in Central America», including a visit of the Bureau in this region.

3. Solidarity with the Arab peoples and youth, especially the Palestinians and Lebanese in their struggle against imperialism, Zionism and reaction.

a) To organize in Lebanon a week of solidarity with the struggle of the people and youth of that country, coinciding with the 11th anniversary of the murder of the martyr Kamal Jumblatt (March, 1988). Within the same framework, organize a round table on the struggle of the Lebanese people and youth against imperialism, Zionism and reaction.

- b) To organize a solidarity visit to Libya.
- c) To organize a signature campaign for the liberation of all patriots detained in Israel concentration camps (Khiam, Atlit).
- 4. Solidarity with the struggle of the peoples and youth of Chile and Paraguay against the dictatorships and for the liberation of all political prisoners.
 - a) To continue actively developing the campaign for the liberation of Manuel Hernández.
- 5. Other important solidarity actions:
 - a) Within the framework of the solidarity campaign with the Sahraoui people and youth, to pay a visit to our member organization, UJSARIO.
 - b) To mobilize our member and friendly organizations to support and participate in the projects included in SIVSAJ's plan.
 - c) To support CIMEA in the practical implementation of its anti-imperialist solidarity programme.
 - d) To commemorate the 5th anniversary of the US invasion of Grenada by launching a postcard campaign and other initiatives.
 - e) To coordinate with IUS and OCLAE the realization of an event in the Caribbean on the imperialist cultural penetration, militarism and on peace education.

Venue: Puerto Rico.

3. Global Problems

- 1. To organize an international conference with SDAJ,FRG on «Peace, global problems — new tasks for revolutionary youth organizations», Frankfurt, FRG (October-November 1988).
- 2. To organize a joint event with IUS, OCLAE and other youth organizations and trade unions celebrating the Day of Continental Youth Action for the non-payment of the foreign debt in Latin America, 15-23 October, 1988.
- 3. To mandate the Bureau to work for further development of the WFDY standpoints on:
 - the New International Economic order and foreign debt,
 - the environmental protection,
 - the disarmament and development,
 - the scientific-technological revolution,
 - the New International Information and Communication Order.
- 4. To elaborate a long-term work plan on the question of «Disarmament and development».

4. Youth Rights

1. To organize, together with KJÖ and KSV (Austria) a seminar on young women, with the participation of member organizations of Europe and North America inviting IADL, WIDF, IUS, IUSY.

Date: January 29-31.

Place: Vienna, Austria

2. To prepare, together with KU (Sweden) a seminar on the situation of young refugees, as a part of actions against racism and xenophobia, with the participation, apart from Europe, of representatives from different continents, to be held in 1989.

Place: Sweden

3. To support the day for youth rights to take place in Chile, convened by different youth organizations in the country, apart from our member organizations. The event is aimed at denouncing the repression against different sectors of the Chilean youth by the dictatorship and the illegal character of the present regime. It will include the holding of different broad mass actions of solidarity with the victims of the repression, especially with political prisoners and Manuel Hernández.

We must coordinate with other international friendly organizations the support to the convocation and the participation in the activities.

Date: second half of the year.

4. To promote a yearly campaign to denounce violations of youth rights in South Africa, in the territories occupied by Israeli forces and in other countries of the Middle East under reactionary regimes, in El Salvador, Colombia, and other countries where the situation of young people is deeply affected due to political, social or military repression against youth rights. The campaign includes the elaboration of a special report by WFDY on this theme to be presented to the UN, especially to the Human Rights Commission.

5. To participate jointly with WFTU in organizing the next World Conference of Working Youth to be held in November in Budapest.

6. On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Universal Charter on Human Rights, to elaborate a WFDY Charter on the Rights of Youth.

7. To organize an event with the working theme: «New developments in capitalist Europe — the challenges and tasks for WFDY member organizations in the region».

Participation: WFDY's member organizations in Western Europe.

Time: June or 2nd half of 1988.

Duration: 3-4 days

Venue: France or Portugal

8. To devote attention to the work in the field of students and secondary school students, with the aim of increasing contacts between the member organizations, and improving the work of the WFDY on these issues.

5. International Cooperation and the Festival

I. To participate in the further preparations for the 13th WFYS;

1. to take part in the 2nd IPC meeting (India, April);

2. to support the proposal on the holding of the 3rd IPC meeting in the GDR (end of November);

3. to promote the idea of the creation at the 2nd IPC meeting of a Provisional Working Group on the 13th WFYS;

4. to support the idea of establishing the International Solidarity Fund at the 2nd IPC meeting;

5. to call upon the WFDY member organizations for active participation in the festival preparations and the creation of the NPCs;

6. to participate in regional consultative meetings for the preparations of the 13th WFYS.

II. To participate in the activities of the Framework for All-European Youth and Student Cooperation according to the decisions taken by the 5th Consultative Meeting;

1. «Environmental Action for Living Europe» (Sweden, 15-17 January);

2. «For better understanding on key issues» (Italy, February 18-21;

3. Consultative meeting of the Framework for AEYSC (Austria, 4-8 March);

4. CFUG of the Framework for AEYSC;

5. All-European mass youth event (including 2 preparatory meetings in Sweden and Poland);

6. 6th Consultative Meeting of the Framework for AEYSC (probably).

III. To develop the cooperation with the UN system;

1. CONGO Assembly;

2. 3rd Special UN Session on Disarmament (including the preparatory meetings);

3. UNESCO Collective Consultations with Youth NGOs and Working Group meetings;

4. GIM sessions (including PLG meetings);
 5. NGO Committee on Palestine (Geneva, September);
 6. Special NGO Committee for Disarmament.
- IV. To develop bilateral cooperation with the International NGO;
1. WFDY-IUSY bilateral seminar, hosted by IUSY (Vienna, March);
 2. WFDY-NCY bilateral seminar, hosted by NCY (Sweden, Finland, January);
 3. WFDY-IFLRY bilateral seminar, hosted by IFLRY;
 4. WFDY-EYCE bilateral seminar, hosted by WFDY (November-December);
 5. Consultative meeting of closely cooperating INGOs (Egypt, September);
 6. Exchange of delegation with the Asian Youth Council and with Arab Youth Union and their member organizations.

6. Sports and Culture

To organise an international exhibition of photos, posters, paintings and drawings by young amateurs on the theme of anti-imperialist solidarity, peace and friendship in connection to the 13th WFYS.

7. Press and Information

The Executive Committee mandates the Bureau to examine the structure of WFDY's press activity in the spirit of the decisions of the 12th Assembly and to prepare a report on this for the next EC Meeting.

The main areas of the press and information activity of WFDY in 1988 will be:

1. Regular publications.

— WFDY News will be further developed as the regular information bulletin, covering the activities of the member organizations, of the Bureau and the democratic youth and student movement as a whole. It will continue to be published 12 times a year, while improving its content, layout and topicality.

— The character of the WFDY Magazine WORLD YOUTH will be seriously examined. In 1988 efforts will be undertaken to change the profile of the magazine with the aim of publishing issues on concrete themes with a higher standard. The magazine

will reflect more fully the main political directions of WFDY's activities. It will be published 6 times a year.

— The preparations of the democratic world youth and student movement for the 13th Festival will be reflected by the publication of FESTINFO as the special bulletin of WFDY.

— The regional commissions of the WFDY Bureau will publish special regional bulletins:

Bulletin on Latin America — 6 per year

Bulletin on Asia — 2 per year

Bulletin on Africa — 1 per year

Bulletin on Middle East — 2 per year

Bulletin on Europe — 2 per year

It will only be possible to achieve these aims with a much more active contribution by all member organizations, which should send their different periodical and non-periodical publications as well as all other information about their activities more frequently to the Bureau of WFDY. As an important precondition for the improvement of the press and information work the Bureau will examine the active involvement of the newly created Research and Documentation Centre, the improvement of the technical preparation process for the publications as well as the mailing list for sending out publications.

2. The Bureau has to play a more active role for improving the cooperation of the member organizations and their publication organs in the field of press and information. The Bureau will organize a Youth Press Seminar on European level in June 1988 in the FRG. It can be followed in the coming years by similar events in other regions.

3. With a view to the preparations for the 14th WFYS, which will take place for the first time on the Asian continent, the Bureau will increase its information activity on the youth and student movement in Asia. This will be assured by the sending of WFDY journalist delegations to Asian countries as well as by the participation of WFDY journalists in the different events taking place in Asia, especially the 2nd IPC Meeting in India.

4. The Bureau will continue with the practice of sending WFDY journalist delegations, composed of representatives of the publication organs of member organizations. In 1988 WFDY journalists will be sent to:

DPR Korea,

Vietnam, Laos, Kampuchea,

Nicaragua,

Cyprus,

Participation in the Bureau's delegation to UJSARIO

5. The publication of thematical booklets is to be further developed as a support to the member organizations in their political activities. In 1988 the following themes will be covered by booklets or by thematical issues of WORLD YOUTH;

- the DPR Korea,
- the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the danger of the nuclear threat at the current time,
- the struggle of WFDY and its member organizations for the implementation of the basic rights of youth,
- the struggle for the rights of young women,
- the struggle of the Lebanese people and youth.

ANNEXE

Anti-imperialist solidarity

The Executive Committee mandates the Bureau to study the possibility of the following initiative:

— Regional event for the commemoration of the 60th birthday of Che Guevara.

Date: 14 June 1988.

Venue: Argentina

Global problems

2nd international seminar: 'Ecology and Peace'.

Host: Rural Youth Union of Poland.

Venue: Warsaw

Date: June/July 1988.

International Cooperation

Round-table meeting 'Cooperation of youth and student organizations of Asia and the Pacific for peace and security and its prospects'.

Venue: Ulan Bator

Date: June 1988.

FJC Argentina

To organize in Argentina (probably in Cordova) an arts festival dedicated to the 60th anniversary of the birth of Ernesto Che Guevara with the participation of a WFDY delegation.

Press and Information

The Bureau will support the celebration of an International Youth Press Festival in June 1988 in the USSR.

MESSAGE OF THANKS

to the Korean people and youth

We, the participants in the Executive Committee meeting of the World Federation of Democratic Youth, held in Pyongyang on 8-11 December 1987, extend our warmest thanks to the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, to the DPRK government and the entire Korean people and youth and their organization, the Socialist Working Youth League, for the warm hospitality offered to us and for the excellent working conditions for our meeting.

We highly appreciate the great attention paid in particular to us and to our Executive Committee meeting and reflected in the kind reception offered to us by Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

We take this opportunity to reiterate our strong feelings of solidarity with the Korean people and youth in their struggle waged against the imperialist threats and machinations, for the withdrawal of US troops from South Korea, for making the Korean Peninsula a nuclear weapon-free zone of peace, and for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

We underline our belief that it is only through negotiations that peace can be achieved in this part of the world. That is why we welcome all proposals to this end, particularly the constant efforts undertaken in many directions by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to find a just and peaceful solution to the Korean problem.

SUMMARY REPORT

on the Executive Committee Meeting of the World Federation of Democratic Youth, held in Pyongyang, DPR Korea

The Executive Committee Meeting of WFDY was held in Pyongyang from 8th to 11th December 1987.

The participants of the EC meeting represented:

62 EC member organizations, as well as
12 national organizations,
11 international and regional organizations,
the representatives of CIMEA, BITEJ and SIVSAJ and the representatives of the Auditing Commission of WFDY invited by WFDY as observers.

Agenda and Programme

The EC worked on the basis of the following Agenda:

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Introductory speeches
3. Adoption of the Agenda, the programme and rules of procedure of the EC meeting
4. Discussion of the General Report of the Bureau to the EC on the work carried out since the 12th Assembly of WFDY
5. Discussion of the Plan of Action for 1988
6. New affiliations
7. Adoption of documents
8. Closing of the EC meeting

The Agenda was discussed in two plenary sessions (on 8th and 11th December), in regional meetings (on 8th December), as well as in thematical workshops (on 9th and 10th December).

Regional meetings were held for:

Europe and North America, Asia and Oceania, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East.

The thematical meetings were held on the following topics:

- Peace and Disarmament
- Anti-imperialist Solidarity
- Global Problems
- Youth Rights
- International Cooperation and the 13th World Festival of Youth and Students
- Sports and Culture

On the 8th of December, Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the CC of the Workers' Party of Korea, President of the DPR of Korea, received the participants of the EC meeting at a reception held at the Presidential Palace.

Documents:

A) The following documents were discussed and adopted by the EC:

- a) Rules of Procedure
- b) General Report of the Bureau to the Executive Committee on the work done since the 12th Assembly of WFDY
- c) Programme of Action of WFDY for 1988
- d) Message of thanks to the Korean people and youth

B) The following remarks were made on the documents:

— The Democratic Youth League of Japan did not take part in the adoption of the Message of thanks to the Korean people and youth.

Affiliations:

A) The Executive Committee affiliated the following organizations to WFDY:

- Juventude do Partido do Movimento Democratico Brasileiro as observer member
- Democratic Youth Federation of India, as full member
- BISIG Youth of Philippines, as observer member
- Juventud del Movimiento de la Izquierda Revolucionaria de Bolivia, as observer member

— Youth of the Farabundo Marti Front for National Liberation of El Salvador, as full member

— Juventud Mariateguista of Peru, as observer member

— Juventud Aprista of Peru, as observer member

B) The delegation of the Communist Youth of Peru (JCP), while agreeing with the openness of WFDY as well as in principle with the affiliation of the Juventud Aprista of Peru, expressed its reservation concerning the fact of not being informed about the invitation of that organization since it has no opinion approved by its leadership on this issue.

The participants of the EC were informed that the WFDY Bureau has received the invitation of the Leninist Komsomol to host the forthcoming EC meeting in the Soviet Union.

Following the closing session of the EC meeting the Socialist Working Youth League of Korea organized a full-day programme as host organization for the participants acquainting them with the preparations for the holding of the 13th WFYS and the life of the Korean youth. During this day a solidarity meeting with the Korean people and youth was organized by WFDY.

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